

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 22 to 58 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. to 65. (Cancelled)

66. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a plurality of services over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting, by a user ~~terminal~~ terminal, a request ~~to a service center~~ for printing an image stored on the network to a service center;

storing, by the service ~~center~~ center, items and their prices in a first ~~table~~ table;

storing, by the service center, a plurality of service ~~providers~~ providers and at least one item included in each printing type ~~of printing~~ provided by ~~each one of the~~ plurality of service providers, in a second table;

calculating, by the service center, a charge related to the request on the basis ~~of~~ by referring to the first and second tables;

sending a notification of the charge from the service center to the user terminal, ~~the notification including the charge calculated in the calculating step~~;

forwarding the request from the user terminal ~~from the service center~~ to an appropriate one of the plurality of service providers ~~provider~~ via the network automatically upon receipt by the service center of an instruction from the user terminal of whether to print, the instruction being responsive to the notification sent to the user terminal of based on the ~~calculated~~ charge; and

performing, by the ~~appropriate~~ one of the plurality of service providers  
~~provider~~, printing of the image according to the request received from the service center.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) A system of providing a plurality of services  
over a network, said system comprising:

a service center;

a user terminal for transmitting a request ~~to a service center~~ for printing an  
image stored on the network to said service center;

a plurality of service providers;

~~a plurality of service providers; and~~

wherein said ~~the~~ service center stores items and their prices in a first ~~table;~~  
table;

wherein said service center stores the plurality of service providers and at  
~~least one or more item~~ items included in each ~~type of printing type~~ provided by ~~each one of~~  
the plurality of service providers, in a second ~~table;~~ table;

wherein said service center calculates a charge related to the request by on  
the basis of referring to the first and second ~~tables;~~ tables;

wherein said service center sends a notification ~~from the service center~~ to  
the user ~~terminal;~~ the notification including the ~~calculated charge and~~ terminal;

wherein said service center forwards ~~forwarding~~ the request ~~from the~~  
~~service center~~ to one of said plurality of an appropriate service providers ~~provider~~ via the

network automatically upon receipt by said ~~the~~ service center of an instruction from ~~the~~ said user terminal of whether to print, the instruction being responsive to the notification sent to the user terminal of ~~based on the calculated charge, charge;~~ and

wherein ~~the appropriate~~ one of said plurality of service providers ~~provider~~ performs printing of the image according to the request received from said ~~the~~ service center.

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Currently Amended) A service center apparatus for managing a plurality of services provided over a network, said apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a request for printing an image stored on the network, from a user terminal via the network;

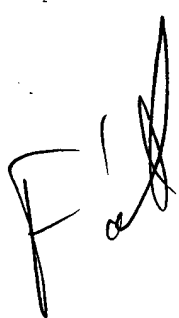
first storage means for storing items and their prices;

second storage means for storing a plurality of service providers and at least one item included in each ~~type of printing type~~ provided by ~~each one of~~ the plurality of service providers;

calculation means for calculating a charge related to the request on the basis of by referring referring to the first and second storage means;

notification means for sending a notification of the charge to the user terminal, ~~the notification including the charge calculated by the calculation means;~~ and

transmission means for transmitting the request to ~~an appropriate~~ one of the plurality of service providers ~~service provider~~ via the network automatically upon receipt of

 an instruction from the user terminal of whether to print, the instruction being responsive to  
the notification sent to the user terminal of ~~based on~~ the ~~calculated~~ charge.

71. to 75. (Cancelled)

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